

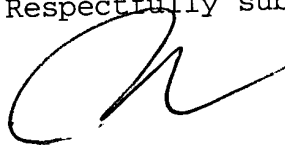
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to correct a typographical error on page 8 of the specification.

Additionally, this Preliminary Amendment amends original Claims 3 and 5-10 to produce new amended claims that are not multiply dependent in order to reduce official fees. Once examination on the merits has begun, the Applicants may elect to amend newly amended Claims 3 and 5-10 to make these claims multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims. This Preliminary Amendment deletes original Claims 15-17 because these claims are omnibus claims.

It should be noted that new claim 18 has been added to replace the canceled claim following claim 10, which canceled claim was also numbered as claim 10. With this amendment, the second claim number 10 is simply renumbered as new claim 18 without changing its scope. After amendment, the subject application should contain Claims 1-14 and 18. Amendment of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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